

# STUDENT ACTIVITY BOOK

# Smart Choices

# Better Chances



***A look at you and the law***

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## **Attorney General MIKE BEEBE**

To the Students of Arkansas:

The following pages are filled with challenging and creative ways to remember all you have learned while being involved with our law-education program.

It is important for you to know that the criminal-justice system protects people in our state, as well as punishes criminals. I am glad that you have learned about Arkansas laws and what the consequences are if they are broken. This important information will help you make SMART CHOICES and have BETTER CHANCES for a successful life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Beebe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" written in a more abbreviated, stylized way.

Mike Beebe  
Arkansas Attorney General

## What does the Attorney General's Office do?

- ✓ The office is the State of Arkansas' law office, representing consumers, taxpayers, state agencies, and the prison system.
- ✓ The Attorney General is a lawyer for the people of the state and also the chief law-enforcement officer of the state.
- ✓ People in this office assist victims of violent crimes by helping with medical and funeral expenses through the Crime Victim Reparations Board.
- ✓ It houses the Missing Children's Services Program, which keeps records of missing children in Arkansas.
- ✓ It houses several law-education and prevention programs, including Smart Choices, Better Chances.

On the line provided, write down the name of the Attorney General of Arkansas.

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(Hint: Read the letter on page 1.)

# RULES AND LAWS:

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

**Rules** tell us what to do and what not to do in everyday activities.

**Laws** are rules that are made by a government to protect people in society.

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Read each of the following very carefully. Decide if you think the statement is a rule or a law. Write your answer in the space provided. The correct answers can be found on page 15.

1. Don't chew gum in school. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Always stop at a stop sign. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Remember to wear your seat belt when riding in a vehicle.  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Never bring a gun to school. \_\_\_\_\_
5. No fighting on the playground. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Stay away from drugs. \_\_\_\_\_

# HEY...did you know??

There are many kinds of crimes, some worse than others. The ones that would be considered less serious crimes are **misdemeanor crimes**, and the more serious crimes are called **felony crimes**.

The most important thing to remember is that all crimes are serious, no matter what kind, and there will always be consequences for people who break the law.

Now that you know...  
Don't forget!!

# Words to know... But never do!

**Burglary** is when someone breaks into a house or business to steal property or to commit another crime.

**Theft** is when someone takes something they know belongs to someone else and does not plan to give it back.

**Robbery** is when physical force or threats of physical force are used while stealing someone's property.

**Aggravated Robbery** is when an individual has a deadly weapon or pretends to have one, and steals someone's property.

**Terroristic Threatening** is when someone threatens to cause death or serious physical injury to another person.

# Word Scramble Directions:

Unscramble the letters that are underlined to make the sentences complete. Rewrite the words correctly in the space provided on the following page.

For clues, look back on page 3 & 4. (Answers on Page 15.)

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But always remember: no matter what type of crime, there is always a consequence for someone who breaks the wal.

# Word Scramble

Place your answers to page 6 in the spaces provided.

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2. alws \_\_\_\_\_

3. rtecpot \_\_\_\_\_

4. rmeics \_\_\_\_\_

5. loseefni \_\_\_\_\_

6. idmaosmseenr \_\_\_\_\_

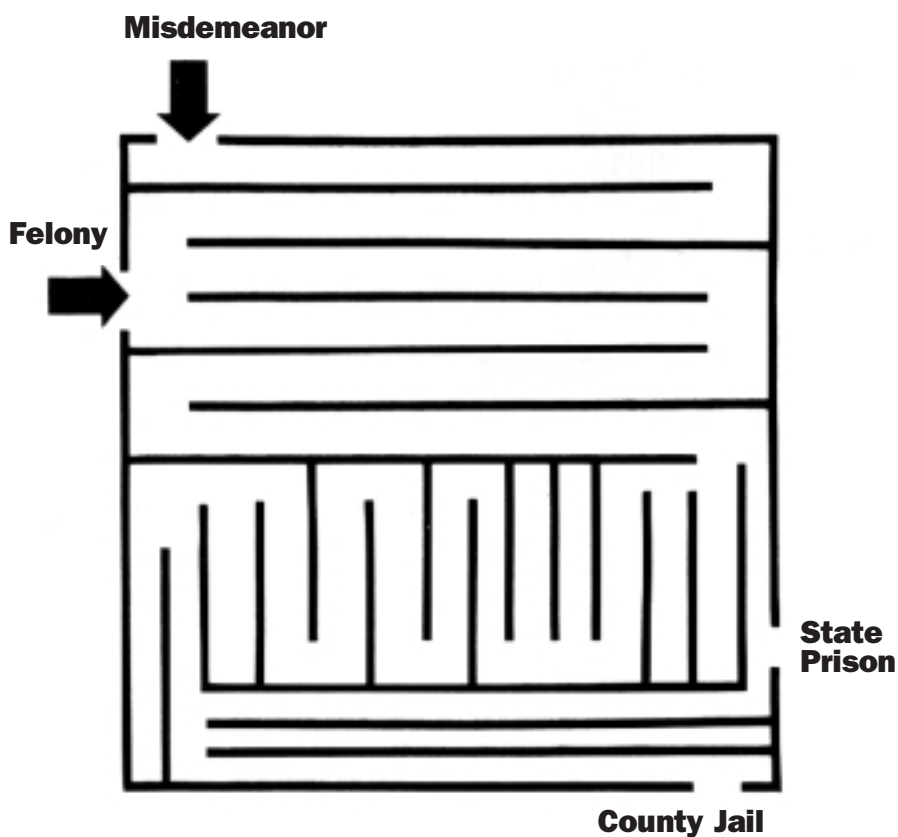
7. wal \_\_\_\_\_



# Maze

**Directions:** Complete the following maze.

(See page 16 for answers.)



**Directions:** Draw a line and connect the words  
that go together or mean the same thing.

(See page 17 for answers.)

<b>Prison</b>	Misdemeanor sentence
<b>Smart Choices</b>	Something you always have
<b>Theft</b>	Very serious crime
<b>Rule</b>	Don't chew gum
<b>County Jail</b>	Pretend to have a weapon and rob
<b>Felony</b>	Wear your seatbelt
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	Felony sentence
<b>Aggravated Robbery</b>	Less serious crime
<b>Law</b>	Steal a pencil
<b>Choice</b>	Better Chances

# BATTERY AND ASSAULT

## What's the Difference?

When actual physical contact is made and bodily injury is caused, that is **BATTERY**.

When a person creates a risk of harm to another person, that is **ASSAULT**.

In other words, if someone is actually hit, whether with a fist, a bat, or anything else that can be harmful, that is **BATTERY**. If a person tries to hit or shoot at someone, for example, and misses, then that is known as **ASSAULT**.

No matter which one you are talking about, both mean **TROUBLE!!!**



Read the following questions and then **circle one** of the choices shown below each one.

Answers will be found on page 18 & 19. (NO PEEKING and GOOD LUCK!!)

1. When a person helps another person commit a crime, he or she is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**An Assistant**

**A Helper**

**An Accomplice**

**Gang Member**

2. If someone threatens to cause death or serious physical injury to a teacher or bus driver, this is known as \_\_\_\_\_.

**Terroristic Threatening**

**Theft**

**Robbery**

**Murder**

3. If anyone furnishes a deadly weapon, such as a gun, to someone under 18 years of age, he or she can be charged with a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Felony**

**Misdemeanor**

4. How many people does it take to be considered a criminal street gang?

**1 to 2 people**

**3 or more people**

**5 or more people**

**2 or more people**

5. What type of crime would it be for a person to encourage or recruit a young person to join a criminal street gang?

**Misdemeanor**

**Felony**

6. Circle each drug that is against the law.

**Caffeine**

**Marijuana**

**Crack Cocaine**

**Heroin**

7. If a person is found guilty of selling drugs near a park or school, how many years can be added on to his or her prison sentence?

**2 years**

**5 years**

**10 years**

**25 years**

8. A person affected by a crime is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Injured Person**

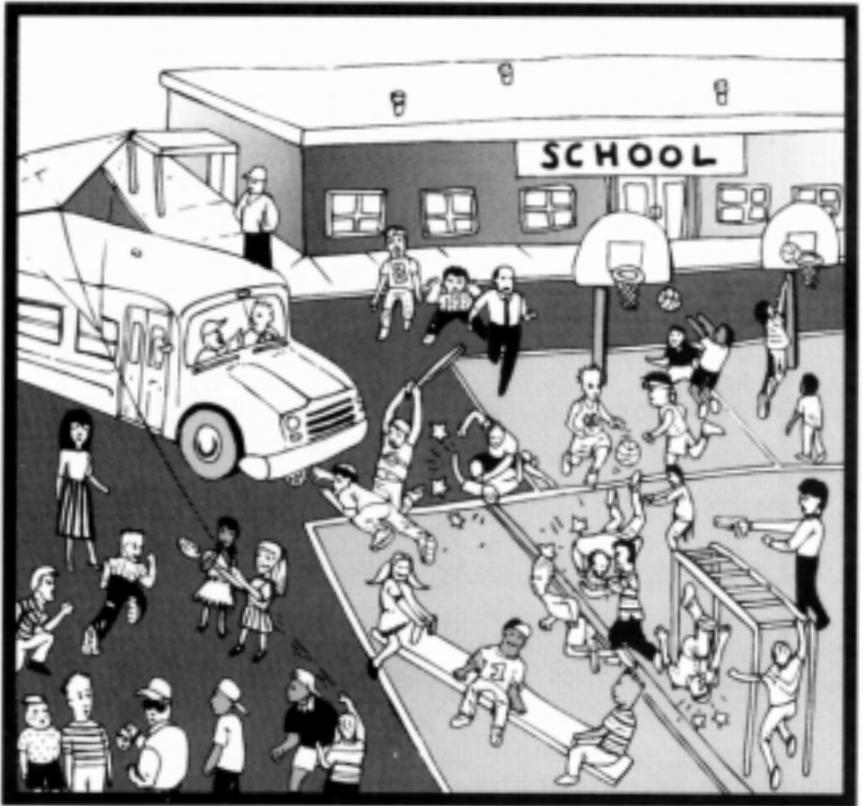
**Victim**

**Accomplice**

**Prisoner**

Directions: Circle all of the things that are wrong with this picture according to what you have been taught about the law.

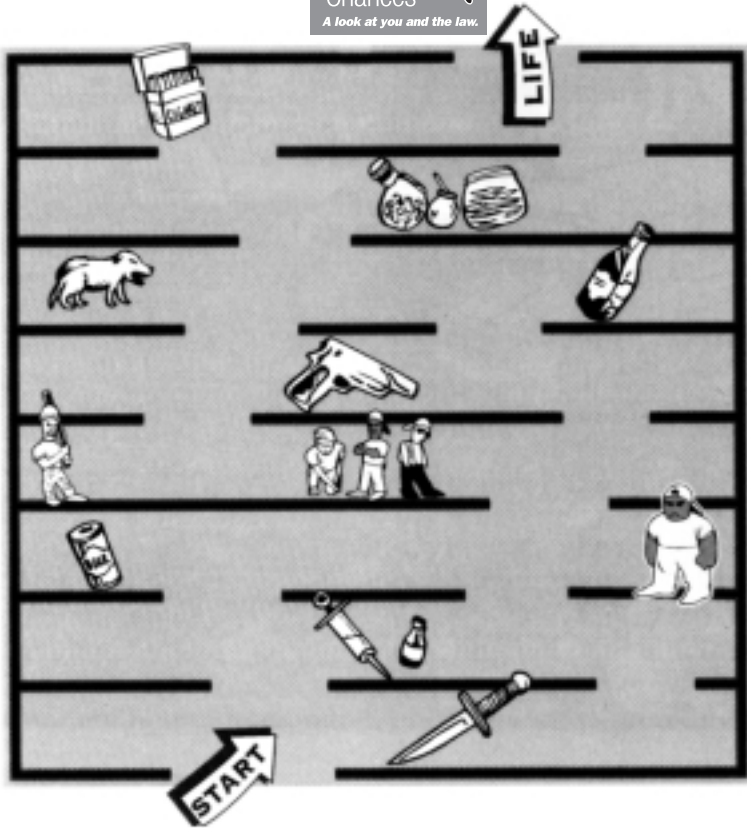
(See page 20 for answers.)



# Maze of Life

Directions: **Follow the maze** and avoid the bad things shown. The object is to reach the top where the program title is along with the word LIFE.

(Answers can be found on page 21.)



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***The following are answers to the statements on page 3.***

1. Rule

2. Law

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4. Law

5. Rule

6. Law

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***The following are answers to the world-scramble puzzle on page 6.***

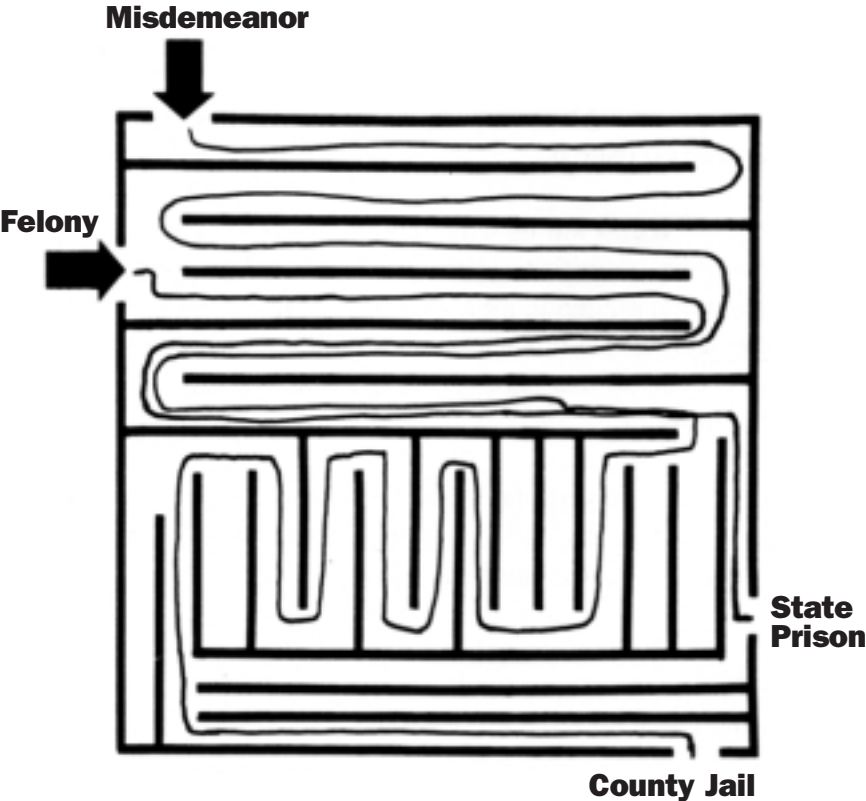
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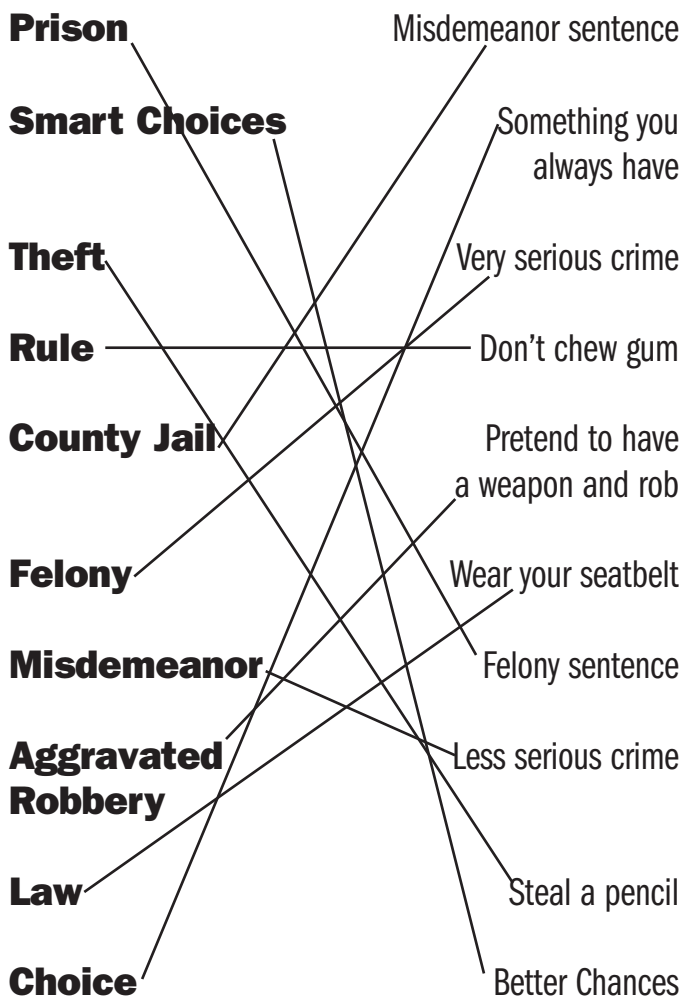
But always remember: no matter what type of crime, there is always a consequence for someone who breaks the **law**.



***Answers to maze found on page 8.***



***The following are answers to  
the puzzle on page 9.***



***The following are answers  
from pages 11 and 12.***



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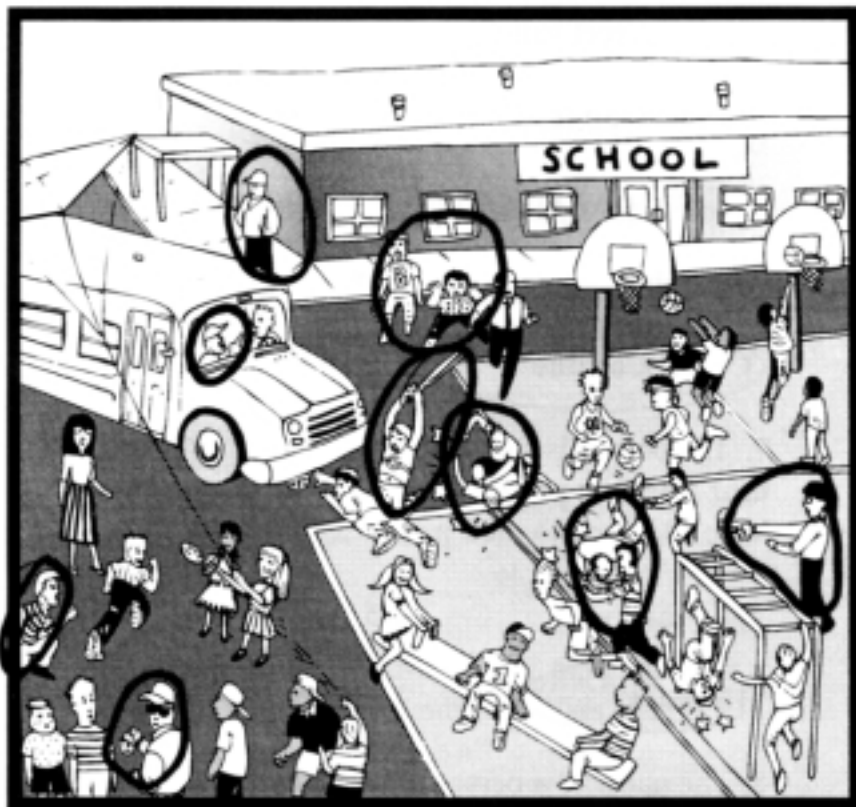
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***Answers to activity found on page 13.***



**Answer to maze found on page 14.**

